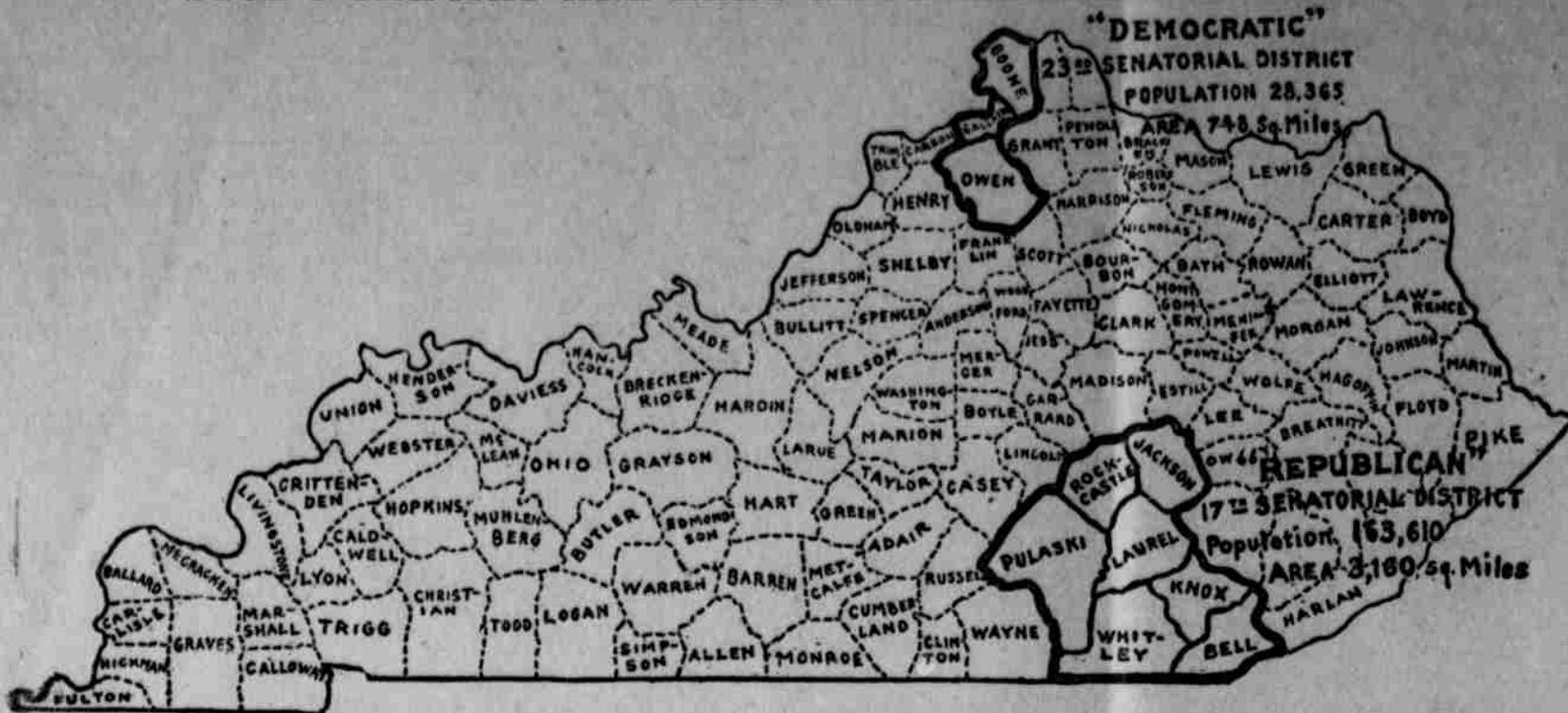


DO YOU KNOW

One-Seventh, 336,000, of the Population of Kentucky Is Disfranchised and Not Represented in State Legislature?

STUDY THE MAP AND READ THE EXPLANATION BELOW



The above map shows two Senatorial districts in Kentucky, one being the smallest in point of population and Democratic, while the other shows the largest in point of population and Republican in politics. One State Senator is allowed the Democrats for 28,000 population, while one State Senator is allowed the Republicans for 153,000 population, 1910 census. In other words it takes about five and six-sevenths Republicans to equal one Democrat, or 335,000 citizens are disfranchised in the Seventeenth Senatorial district alone. But this is only one illustration of the most outrageous gerrymandering that was ever practiced in any State in the Union. Take the Thirty-third Senatorial district, which is in the mountains and composed of ten counties, Clay, Floyd, Johnson, Knott, Leslie, Letcher, Harlan, Martin, Perry and Pike, with a population of 145,975. Its area is 3,382 square miles. Compare it with the Twenty-third Democratic district shown on the map.

Then turn your attention to the Representative districts. Here the gerrymandering was even more unprincipled. Hancock county is the Twenty-ninth Representative district with a population of only 5,512 and an area of 193 square miles. It has one Representative in the State Legislature. On the other hand, the Republican Ninety-third district in the mountains, composed of Bell, Harlan, Leslie and Perry counties, has a population of 59,244 and an area of 2,571 square miles, with one Representative.

Taking all the Senatorial and Representative districts, it was shown by a decision by the Court of Appeals that 336,000, or one-seventh, of the population of Kentucky is disfranchised. It was to right such a flagrant wrong as this that Judge O'Rear declared he would keep the Legislature in session for two years, if necessary. Remembering the blood of our forefathers from Lexington to Yorktown, would the enfranchisement of 336,000 citizens be expensive at such a cost? IS IT ANY WONDER, IN VIEW OF THESE FACTS, THAT BECKHAM, HALL & CO. HAVE ISSUED ORDERS TO JAMES, McCREARY, McDERMOTT, ET AL., TO BEAT THE TOM-TOM OF NATIONAL ISSUES AND AVOID RELIGIOUSLY ANY DISCUSSION OF STATE ISSUES?

COUNTY UNION

A. S. OF E.

Held Important Meeting in Hartford.

Complete Minutes of Entire Session Which Was Beneficial to Farmers.

The Ohio County Union of the American Society of Equity met in regular session at the Court house in Hartford, October 6, 1911. The house was called to order at 10:30 o'clock by President S. L. Stevens.

After roll-call of localities, the minutes of the meeting July 7 and 8 were read and adopted.

President Stevens made some timely remarks and suggested that different members should suggest various subjects that should be brought before the body. Quite a number of good suggestions were made.

Harshel Porter then moved that the chair appoint a committee on resolutions. Mr. J. S. Cecil seconded Mr. Porter's motion and it was so ordered.

The following committee was appointed: Billie Tichenor, Harshel Porter, E. P. Sandefur, O. R. Tinsley and T. H. Balmain.

The delegates to the District meeting at Owensboro then made an interesting report of that meeting.

The body was adjourned to meet at 1 o'clock.

House was called to order at 2:30 by President Stevens and the Committee on Resolutions made the following report, which was accepted and adopted by a consensus:

We, the committee, appointed by the Ohio County Union, to leave two submit the following:

1st. Whereas, the local union is the foundation-stone of the farm-ers' organization, therefore be it

Resolved, that we make an earnest effort to recognize the sleeping locals and organize now on.

2nd. Resolved, that the County Union refuse to recognize any delegates from local unions withholding their dues.

3rd. Resolved, that we recommend the election of officers at the October meeting, same to be installed at the January meeting.

4th. Resolved, that the body elect one or more correspondents from each unincorporated district, whose duty it shall be to furnish the county papers with items of interest relative to the organization.

5th. Resolved, that the chair appoint a committee of five to draft resolutions to report to the county secretary within 40 days, said secretary to have resolutions type-written and forwarded to the secretaries of each sub-local with request that they see to it on same and ready at next county Union.

6th. Resolved, that we endorse the action of the Green River Dis-

trict Union of the A. S. of E. in closing pooling pledges on November 1st and refusing to receive and grade any tobacco not pooled.

7th. Resolved, that the A. S. of E. of Ohio county endorse the unlimited parcels-post system and the Secretary of the County Union forward the same to Postmaster-General Hitchcock.

8th. Resolved, that no one be allowed to pool their product without paying his dues and signing the pledge or agreeing to pay when product is delivered.

9th. Resolved, that we, the members of the American Society of Equity of Ohio county, do heart-

ily condemn the practice of killing birds on our respective farms.

L. B. TICHENOR, Ch'm'n.

O. R. TINSLEY, Sec'y.

Sections one, two and three were adopted as read, on motion of committee.

Section 4 was amended so as to read "the body elect" instead of "the chair appoint."

Section five was adopted as read.

Section six was amended so as to read the "A. S. of E. and Home Warehouse" instead of A. S. of E."

Section seven was adopted as read.

Section eight was adopted with the words "agree to pay when prod-

uct is delivered," as substituted.

Section nine was adopted with the words "and forbid" stricken out.

Moved that the body elect a grader at once to grade the 1911 crop of tobacco. After much discussion, the motion was lost.

The body then adjourned to meet October 7th at 9 o'clock a. m.

The house was called to order at 10:30 by President Stevens.

First item of business was the appointment of the committee provided for in section 5. The following were appointed: L. B. Tichenor, E. P. Sandefur, T. F. Tanner, T. H. Balmain, Henry Pirtle.

The corresponding committee was then appointed, composed of the following:

Chicktown District—Alvin Ross and Alvin Tichenor.

Bear Dam—Lige Jackson and S. L. Stevens.

Hartford—T. F. Tanner, O. R. Tinsley and L. B. Tichenor.

Rosine—E. P. Sandefur and Will Sandefur.

Moved by L. B. Tichenor and seconded by J. C. Masale that the election of officers be postponed until 1 o'clock. Motion carried.

Mr. T. F. Tanner then made a report as a member of the telephone committee and urged the importance of the telephone.

Moved by T. F. Tanner and seconded by T. H. Balmain that the secretary be added to the telephone committee. Motion carried.

Moved by L. B. Tichenor and seconded by Billie Lake that the county and local unions always be opened with prayer. The motion carried.

The body then adjourned to meet at one o'clock.

The house was called to order by vice president L. B. Tichenor at 1 o'clock. T. H. Balmain led in a few minutes prayer, after which D. Ford moved that the minutes of the meeting be published. Mr. E. P. Sandefur seconded Mr. Ford's motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Moved by W. F. Sandefur and seconded by D. Ford that no one be allowed over two minutes to speak except by consent of the chair. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the election of officers be by secret ballot. Motion carried.

The names of the following members were placed before the body for President: H. T. Porter, L. B. Tichenor, T. F. Tanner, T. H. Balmain, D. Ford. Mr. Tichenor was elected on first ballot and T. H. Balmain as vice president.

It was moved that the old secretary be declared re-elected as secretary by acclamation. Motion carried unanimously.

The names of T. F. Tanner, O. R. Tinsley and E. E. Tinsley were placed before the body to be elected as graders. Mr. O. R. Tinsley was elected on the first ballot. Moved by T. F. Tanner that his election be made unanimous. Motion carried.

It was ordered that the auditing committee be composed of one member. On motion the secretary was made auditing committee.

Moved by T. H. Balmain that the same stock committee be retained.

KEEP THIS FACT IN MIND.

When the Machine Spell-Binders talk about the large surplus on hand when the Republicans took charge, cite them to the facts in the case herein disclosed.

At the close of Beckham's Administration there was a balance in the Treasury of \$1,170,055.72

But there were also outstanding unpaid warrants; claims for materials furnished and for services performed and owing specific appropriations amounting to \$1,339,284.00

Or, instead of leaving the Republicans a million dollar surplus, as the Democratic speakers allege recklessly, they really left a deficit on January 6, 1908, of \$ 159,228.28

The present administration has paid \$3,785,771.80 more to the schools of the State than the last Beckham administration. If they had only paid what Beckham did, there would be a surplus in the State Treasury of more than \$2,500,000.00.

STATE FINANCES UNDER TWO ADMINISTRATIONS. LET THE TRUTH BE TOLD.

The Democrats say that the Republican administration shielded and favored the corporation and business interests and used the State Board of Equalization to increase the taxes of the farmers and country people by raising the county assessments. The following tables, which contain nothing that cannot be verified, show this to be absolutely false:

RECEIPTS FROM WHOLESALE LIQUOR DEALERS.

July 1, 1904 to June 30, 1907 (Democrats) \$ 363,225.31

July 1, 1908 to June 30, 1911 (Republicans) 628,012.17

Excess receipts by Republicans over Democrats \$ 264,786.86

RECEIPTS FROM RESIDENT AND FOREIGN CORPORATIONS.

July 1, 1904 to June 30, 1907 (Democrats) \$ 606,876.75

July 1, 1908 to June 30, 1911 (Republicans) 898,324.81

Excess receipts by Republicans over Democrats \$ 291,448.06

RECEIPTS FROM STATE BANKS AND NATIONAL BANKS.

July 1, 1904 to June 30, 1907 (Democrats) \$ 435,549.82

July 1, 1908 to June 30, 1911 (Republicans) \$ 549,560.40

Excess receipts by Republicans over Democrats \$ 114,010.58

RECEIPTS FROM RAILROADS, FRANCHISE AND TANGIBLE.

July 1, 1904 to June 30, 1907 (Democrats) \$1,370,013.76

July 1, 1908 to June 30, 1911 (Republicans) 1,482,456.61

Excess receipts by Republicans over Democrats \$ 112,437.85

It will be noted that there was an increase in the collection of revenues under Governor Wilson as compared to that for a similar period under Governor Beckham of nearly 73 per cent from wholesale liquor dealers, of 48 per cent from corporations, of 26 per cent from banks and of 8 per cent from railroads while, as a matter of fact the average increase by the Board of Equalization over assessed valuation approved by County Boards was only 32-3 per cent. In other words while the Republican administration was increasing the collections from wholesale liquor dealers 73 per cent, corporations 48 per cent, banks 26 per cent, and railroads 8 per cent, it increased assessments on farmers and other general tax-payers less than 4 per cent.

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Mr. E. P. Sandefur made the following substitute: That a new committee except one be elected each successive year. Substitute lost. Then the substitute was amended to read, that the old committee be re-elected except one. Amendment carried and H. T. Porter was elected.

Moved by D. Ford and seconded by T. H. Balmain that the stock committee be given the privilege of disposing of a stock to the best advantage. Motion carried.

Moved by T. F. Tanner and seconded by Billie Lake that the secretary be given an order for \$1.00 for indigestion incurred by the wheat growers' department. Motion carried.

On motion the body then adjourned to meet January 5th and 6th, 1912. S. L. STEVENS, President.

HENRY M. PIRTLE, Sec'y.